Press Note.

AWARD OF ALL-INDIA CROP COMPETITION PRIZES FOR THE YEAR 1952-53.

The Government of India have decided to award six cash prizes of Rupees Five thousand each, in addition to the Certificate of Merits "Krushi Pandit" to the farmers securing the highest yield per acre for the six principal crops (*viz.*, Paddy, Wheat, Potatoes, Jowar, Basra and Gram) in the competitions to be held in the various States in India in Kharif 1952 (harvested from November 1952 to January 1953) and Rabi 1953 (harvested from March 1953 to May 1953).

Particulars of winners at the State level competition during the two periods will be furnished by the respective States to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in order to determine the All-India prize winners.

The Government of Mysore desire that cultivators in Mysore State should make every effort to secure the highest yield per acre for the crops mentioned above and qualify themselves for the award of the cash prizes and the Certificates of Merit.

Intending competitors are directed to contact the Commissioner for Food Production "United India Building", Bangalore, or the Director of Agriculture in Mysore, Bangalore, or the Superintendent, Government Gardens, Lalbagh, Bangalore, for additional information.

(P. N. No. 56—24-6-1952).

Press Note

FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 1953-54.

The following announcement made by the United States Educational Foundation in India regarding Fulbright Awards is published for general information :—

"The United States Educational Foundation in India, 17, Curzon Road, New Delhi, annually awards Fulbright travel grants to Indian scholars to enable them to accept appointments as Lecturers or research scholars in American universities. These awards pay for transportation from India to the United States and return. The Foundation will accept applications for the academic year 1953-54 up to November 1st, 1952. Selection among the candidates will be made by the National Advisory Committee of the Foundation. Those desiring to apply must first arrange for their own affiliation with an American university for 1953-54, and arrange for their maintenance in the United States. Foundation cannot help to secure these affiliations.

These grants are meant only for senior men and women at present connected with institutions of higher learning in India. The lower age limit is normally 35 years. Applicants must be citizens of India, in good health. Men and women who have already spent considerable time at American universities are usually not selected."

(P. N. No. 57—24-6-1952).

Press Note

As the suppliers of fuel to Bangalore City are agreeable to supply junglewood (soft) fuel, such as mango, goni, ala, etc., at Rs. 16-12-0 (Rupees sixteen and annas twelve) per ton as against the present rate of Rs. 20 per ton, the retail selling rates of the said fuel in the depots licensed by the Rationing Officer, Bangalore, or any other Officer authorised by the Director of Food Supplies in this behalf are fixed at $3\frac{1}{2}$ (three and half) maunds split and (Four) maunds unsplit per rupee. A notification has accordingly been issued in No. S.D. 2074—C. 26-52-11, dated 24th June 1952.

(P. N. No. 58—24-6-1952).

Press Note

In view of the low level of water in Krishnarajasagar Reservoir, it has not been found practicable to have week-end illumination of the entire Gardens at Krishnarajasagar. It has become necessary to resort to partial illumination,—only the first terrace of the Gradens on the South bank of the river being illuminated, while the Garden on the North bank will be fully illuminated. This partial illuminat will be given effect to immediately and will be in force till such time as the Reservoir picks up the required level.

(P. N. No. 59—24-6-1952).

Press Note

OCCUPATION OF THE MILLER'S TANK BED AREA BY EX-SERVICEMEN.

Many of the ex-servicemen recently released from the State Forces had been permitted by the Military Authorities to continue to occupy the Military Quarters for a stipulated period, as a special concession, on the request of the Mysore Government. After the stipulated period, they had to leave the quarters. Some of them put up sheds in the Miller's Tank Bed area in the Civil Station, Bangalore. The Corporation Authorities refrained from evicting them, on a request from the Government, in view of the hardships of the persons and the special circumstances. However, it was repeatedly pointed out to the ex-servicemen that the area being a tank bed was unsuitable and was likely to be flooded during rains. In the meanwhile, efforts were being made to find some suitable alternative place for them. About 100 sites in Jayanagar and about 100 small sites in Rajaji Nagar have already been reserved for them for allotment at upset price. As it was represented that the upset price fixed for those sites was too high for the ex-servicemen to pay, it is under consideration to allot those sites to them at half the upset price.

In the meanwhile, several others have also occupied the area unauthorisedly and it is learnt that many of them are not ex-servicemen of the M.S.F. released recently and that some of them have regular accommodation elsewhere.

The Government are aware of the hardships caused to these men by the recent rains which flooded the area. The Minister for Law and Education, the Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government, and the Minister for Home Affairs and Agriculture, along with the concerned Officers, visited the area immediately after and all possible help was rendered. Alternative temporary accommodation in some choultries was offered immediately, but it was not taken advantage of by the men affected. Efforts are being made to find out suitable areas nearby to accommodate deserving men thus affected.

While the Government are anxious to provide as much assistance as possible to these men, they wish to impress on them that in allotting sites or land for temporary occupation, only the cases of such of those ex-servicemen of the Mysore State Forces that were released recently and affected as a result of integration would be considered on the basis of individual merits and unauthorised occupation in the Miller's Tank or any other area does not entitle the others to any special consideration in such allotment.

(P. N. No. 60—25-6-1952).

Press Note

The Ministry of Food, Government of India, have decided that, with immediate effect, the existing ceiling prices of Bengal gram, Gramdhall and Besan, as applied to Mysore, be removed. Accordingly, the Press Notes dated 2nd May 1951 and 24th May 1951, fixing the ceiling rates for Bengal gram, Gramdhall and Besan as noted below, are hereby withdrawn.

1.	Bengal gram	...	Rs. 15 per maund
2.	Gramdhall	...	Rs. 17 ,,
3.	Besan	...	Rs. 18 ,,

(P. N. No. 61—25-6-1952).

Press Note.

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE MARKETING DEPARTMENT FOR MAY 1952.

I. Administration of Special Acts.

The Mysore Weights and Measures Act.—During t month under report, 5,242 units of weights and measur were presented for testing of which 4,918 units of weigh and measures were certified for their correctness. A st of Rs. 747-1-0 was realised as testing fee.

A total number of 419 units of weights and measures different denominations aggregating to the value Rs. 555-8-0 were sold by the Inspectors of Weights a Measures.